

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed October 22, 2008, in which claims 1-9, 13-17, 18-23 and 25-30 were allowed over the prior art of record and claims 11 and 12 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, claims 2, 6, 10, 11 and 25 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-23 and 25-30 are pending in the instant application.

Claims 2, 6, 10 and 25 were found objectionable for the reasons set forth in the middle of page 2 of the Action. By the foregoing amendments to claims 2, 6, 10 and 25 the objectionable terms have been clarified. Withdrawal of these objections is requested.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Takashi et al. (JP 11-355038). Applicants traverse this rejection as explained below.

Claim 10 was amended to include the indicated allowable elements of claim 11. That is, claim 10 now requires the power dividing means to include: 1) a first induction unit electrically connected to the output port; 2) a dielectric located on the first induction unit; and 3) a second induction unit located on the dielectric. As acknowledged by the Examiner, Takashi fails to disclose, the recited features of claim 11. Accordingly, claim 10, as amended, is believed to be novel and patentable over Takashi. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 1-24 and 25-30 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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